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SUBJECT: KORCHNOI DEFECTION

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1. GON HAS GRANTED SOVIET CHESS GRANDMASTER KORCHNOI, WHO ON JULY 27 ASKED GON FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM (REFTEL), SIX-MONTH PERMIT TO STAY IN NETHERLANDS, PENDING A FINAL DECISION ON HIS REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM. ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS ACTION WAS MADE BY JUSTICE MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, DUTCH OFFICIALS HAVE HAD SEVERAL TALKS WITH KORCHNOI AND MORE MAY BE HELD. SPOKESMAN DID NOT ELABORATE ON POSSIBLE MOTIVES ON KORCHNOI'S SEEKING ASYLUM.

2. COMMENT: DUTCH DECISION TO HANDLED KORCHNOI'S REQUEST FOR ASYLUM THIS WAY GETS THEM OFF THE HOOK, AT LEAST FOR A TIME, PRESUMABLY PASSAGE OF TIME WILL CLARIFY WHETHER ADEQUATE CASE CAN BE MADE FOR GRANTING POLITICAL ASYLUM AND TO SMOOTH, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, RUFFLED SOVIET FEATHERS WHEN--AS IS LIKELY--KORCHNOI WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY. THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT KORCHNOI MAY NOT WISH TO STAY

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IN THE NETHERLANDS BUT WOULD SEEK EVENTUAL RESIDENCE IN

ANOTHER WESTERN COUNTRY, POSSIBLY IN THE UNITED STATES.
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